

MEMO TO: Chief S/PP
Via: Deputy Chief S/PP
FROM: Chief Analysis Division S/PP
Subject: Monthly Reports

The following issues are indicated to be of general concern by the chiefs of ORE components in their monthly report for the month of May 1949:

1. SLOWNESS WITH WHICH SOME MATERIALS CIRCULATE THROUGH ORE.

This is a general complain by practically all components, in which one component (B/EE) appears to be the chronic offender, though no component is without fault. Periodicals and bound reports move through the components at an extremely slow pace (in many cases up to three months from first to last addressee). Cables lack necessary expeditious movement and generally arrive too late to serve their purpose. Cables are often received in batches, indicating that some activity has "saved up" incoming cables relating to a particular subject or situation, finally routing the cables forward when the subject or situation has cooled down.

The fact that there is no insolvable problem with the expeditious movement of cables is amply demonstrated by the ability of some of the largest branches in ORE to accomplish this satisfactorily (quoting [redacted] G/Tr.).

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RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the AD/ORE apply pressure on the component chiefs to produce expeditious handling of materials in compliance with existing directives.

It is further recommended that Info Control S/Ad conduct "spot" checks on materials of the various catagories received and routed in order to procure data for an analysis of the situation.

2. JURISDICTIONAL PROBLEMS

The division of responsibility requires clarification in the following cases:

- a. Between the geographic branches and the Transportation Group.
- b. Between branches concerned with Africa.

The first case, (a), was the subject of discussion in the second meeting of the IPB, and [redacted] G/Tr believes that the problem is subject to clarification when and if the minutes of the second meeting of the IPB are adopted.

The second case, (b), is subject to solution whenever [redacted] is ready to designate a representative to assist in the "Africa Problem".

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3. RELATIONS WITH OSO

Relations with OSO are generally reported as "satisfactory", however this condition is attained through personal contacts with opposite numbers and friends in OSO rather than through the medium of [REDACTED]. The following extracts from the report for May 1949 state the situation:

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B/FE: "A meeting during the month with [REDACTED] OSO, in company with B/NE proved entirely unsatisfactory from the point of view of facilitating our relations with SO. Submission of written requirements without preliminary discussion, particularly when circumscribed by a series of "Do's" and "Don'ts", can never become a satisfactory medium of inter-relationship. Fortunately, this branch has an excellent SO liaison in the person of [REDACTED] who visits us at a prescribed time weekly for the purpose of discussing our requirements. Without this liaison, we would be seriously hampered in "getting across" our ideas as outlined by [REDACTED]"

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B/NE: "We are having considerable difficulty in stating our requirements in some specific manner which would result in their fulfilment by OSO. Discussion of the subject with a representative of OSO has not so far proved fruitful". (Representative was [REDACTED])

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RECOMMENDED ACTION

The following action is recommended by the Chief B/FE:- That the whole question of our relations with SO be reopened in view of the unsatisfactory nature of [REDACTED] restrictions. I believe that this problem may be solved in discussion between Chief S/PP and [REDACTED]. Apparently, [REDACTED] is a bottleneck and therefore steps should be taken to minimize his restrictions on ORE requirements to SO.

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